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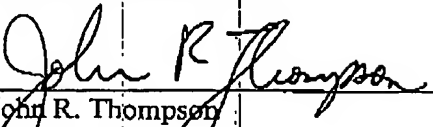
Claims 1-7, 9-12, 26-38, and 55-64 are presently pending. By this paper, claims 1-7 and 9-12, 61 and 64 have been canceled. Independent claims 26 and 55 are amended. New claims 65-70 are added commensurate with the scope of the present invention.

Claim 26 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,150,276 to Gonzalez et al ("Gonzalez"). By this paper, claim 26 has been amended to recite the language of claim 61. The Office Action states that claim 61 contains allowable subject matter as the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a second bottom electrode plug disposed within capacitor trench. Page 10, paragraph 11. By merely incorporating the limitations of claim 61, this amendment does not raise new issues. Claims 27-38 depend from claim 26 and likewise represent patentable subject matter.

Claim 55 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0213989 to Delpech et al. ("Delpech") in view of Gonzalez. Claim 55 is amended to include the limitations of depending claim 61 and likewise represents patentable subject matter. Claims 56-60, 62, 63, and 65-70 depend from claim 55 and likewise represent patentable subject matter.

Applicant believes the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the same. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if any issues remain.

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